

House Resolution No. 2435

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Betty Coll of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Missouri, who has been selected as the recipient of the Community Development Award from North County Inc., a regional development organization that has acted as a catalyst to define and to advocate for economic and community development in North St. Louis County since 1977; and

Whereas, Betty Coll is a volunteer with the Parents Association of Bellefontaine Habilitation Center; and

Whereas, Betty Coll has served as an advocate for the mental health community since the Parents Association at Bellefontaine Habilitation Center began in 1965, and she currently serves the Association as vice-president after many years in the role of president; and

Whereas, in addition to working in the Thrift Shop at the Bellefontaine Habilitation Center, Betty Coll has organized the "Hidden Treasurers" rummage sale run by the Parents Association, raising nearly \$50,000 each year; and

Whereas, Betty Coll is proud to be known as the wife of the late John Coll and mother of Patrick Coll, a resident of BHC, and Dennis and Cindy Coll, who have a son named Shawn; and

Whereas, Betty Coll is the sister of Ruth Vondras, who is a dedicated companion in the work for the mentally handicapped:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to applaud the selection of Betty Coll for one of three Community Development Awards to be given by North County Inc. at its 31st Annual Breakfast on May 9, 2008, and to convey to her our most heartfelt best wishes for continued success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Betty Coll, as a measure of our esteem.

Offered by _____
Representative Gina Walsh
District No. 69

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2435, adopted April 30, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker